

[17th March 1928]

## Industries

### *Possibilities of sub-artesian water-supply in municipalities.*

\* 1770 Q.—**SYED TAJUDIN SAHIB Bahadur** : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the beneficial and profitable nature of first bore hole sub-artesian water-supply installed by the Municipality of Kumbakonam in the Someswaraswami Sannadhi street ;

(b) whether they will be pleased to call for from the Municipality of Kumbakonam and other taluk boards, unions and municipalities in Tanjore district a detailed profit and loss estimate of the working of such tube wells sub-artesian water-supply, viz., the quantity of water available, the cost of their annual maintenance, the capital outlay that can be invested by each local body and the water tax collected and the net annual profit likely to be earned by them and lay them on the table with the remarks of the Sanitary Engineer and Inspector of Local Boards and Municipal Bodies and Village Panchayats thereon ;

(c) whether they will call for and lay on the table for the years 1917 to 1927 from the Industrial department a detailed digest of their pumping and boring development activities in the Tanjore district and state in detail whether any free demonstrations have been made now in the Tiruturaipundi taluk and whether the sub-soil water-supply survey has been completed in the Tanjore district ;

(d) whether the Government will be pleased to lay on the table all the connected papers and orders issued either in the Industrial or Public Works Irrigation Department from 1914 forwards till the end of 1927 and a map if available indicating the depth of sub-soil water-supply in all firkas and taluks of the Tanjore district ; and

(e) if the map is not available whether the Government will be pleased to state if any urgent special steps have been taken to prepare such a map for all non-deltaic Kallar and Muhammadan villages of Tanjore district ?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) The Government do not consider that the use which will be made of the information called for will be commensurate with the labour involved in collecting it.

(c) A report on the work of the Pumping and Boring department, in the Tanjore district, has been called for from the Director of Industries. As regards free demonstrations the attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer given to his question No. 1645. No sub-soil survey has been undertaken in the Tanjore district.

(d) The Government have no papers or orders to place on the table nor has a map been prepared giving the information wanted by the hon. Member.

(e) No.